

American Cancer Society Support Programs and Other Resources for Cancer patients

Look Good/Feel Better

1-800-ACS-2345

Lincoln 402-423-4888

This program assists persons who have had any type of cancer, or are undergoing treatment, to look their best by providing information about hair care, make-up and grooming. Includes free products, hairstyling, and wigs. This service is usually in a group setting but some local hairstylists have been trained to provide this service. Call for information.

Nutritional Supplement Program

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Provides free pharmaceutical, oral nutritional supplements to eligible patients on a first come, first serve basis as available. Eligibility includes patients who are receiving active treatment or are recovering from side effects of treatment where normal nutritional intake is impossible, patients in remission who are receiving therapy, bone marrow or stem cell transplant patients within the first 100 days post-transplant, and patients in end-stage disease who may or may not be receiving treatment.

I Can Cope

Patient and Family Education

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Offers a group education program, "I can Cope" for adult cancer patients. The program is conducted as a consecutive

series, and offers topics relevant to the cancer experience.

Reach to Recovery

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A volunteer visitor program for women who have had breast cancer. The program is designed to help women meet the physical, emotional and cosmetic needs related to their disease and its treatment.

Road to Recovery

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Offers transportation to and from doctor's offices and hospitals for patients undergoing treatment.

Transportation Reimbursement

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Patient must be actively undergoing treatment for cancer and reside 50 miles or more from the closest treatment center. Provides mileage reimbursement for cancer patients receiving treatment at the rate of \$.05 per mile, up to \$150, for trips taken in the current fiscal year. Only trips for treatment (radiation, chemotherapy, and surgery) are reimbursable. Check-ups, blood tests, and follow-up visits are not eligible.

The Guest Room Program

1-800-ACS-2345

This program is designed for those cancer patients who receive treatment on an outpatient basis at a facility at least 50 miles from their place of residence when

lodging would impose a financial hardship. The American Cancer Society and hotels offer cancer patients throughout the state and an immediate family member accommodations free of charge. Reservations and time restrictions apply. Advance notice is required.

Lifeline Pilots Program

1-800-822-7972

Will fly patients with various health problems to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. And back again to their home (nearest airport) for FREE

Patient has to have verification from their Doctor that they have been referred to the Mayo Clinic, and the Mayo Clinic has to provide verification that the person does indeed have an appointment. They must give copy of their insurance (if they have it). They also must sign a release form stating that they are willing to fly in a small plane etc.

All the forms can be faxed.

Cancer Fund of America

800-578-5284

www.cfoa.org

CFA is dedicated to providing direct aid to financially disadvantaged patients in the form of goods such as canned foods, medical supplies and other staples. Patients can receive a monthly "Care Package" free of charge. On the website click on "our services" for details to refer a patient of any age and any type of cancer.

Hill-Burton Free Care Program

800-638-0742

This is a national government agency that provides referrals for free medical care at participating medical facilities, mostly hospitals, and helps low-income individuals pay their medical bills.

Cancer Care, Inc.

800-813-HOPE

www.cancercare.org

Cancer Care is a national non-profit organization that provides free, professional assistance to people with any type of cancer and to their families. This organization offers education, one-on-one counseling, financial assistance for non-medical expenses, such as transportation assistance and childcare assistance, and referrals to community services.

Avon Cares Program

The Avon Cares Program helps women who meet the Cancer Care's financial eligibility criteria and who are:

- Over 30 in need of breast and ovarian diagnostic services
- * Over 20 in need of cervical diagnostic services
- * Any age, and have been already diagnosed with breast, cervical or ovarian cancer and are requesting assistance with transportation, an escort or childcare

English and Spanish are spoken, and there are no citizenship or residency requirements. Contact: Cancer Care 1-800-813-HOPE

www.cancercare.org (see icon on home page)